

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019 - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Conference Room of Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Opening 7:10 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Dan Almind read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Flag Salute

Roll Call

- Present: Dan Almind, Craig Coughlan, Sean Farrington, Craig Geller, Spencer Nicholson and Christine Rodriguez. Also present: Susan Turner, Recreation Secretary

Minutes of Prior meeting:

- Craig Geller moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Audience Participation:

- Craig Geller moved to open audience participation. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.
- No audience members present.
- Craig Geller moved to close audience participation. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Sports Program Fees - Dan Almind explained that Borough Manager Matt Hall has set up an administrative shared services agreement with Oxford Township which has opened discussions into combining the Recreation Commission and the Oxford Youth Association (OYA). Dan attended an OYA meeting and gathered information. He explained how the OYA is set up and how commissioners would possibly be incorporated. If a new group is formed it will have a new name. Dan invited the OYA Board members to the January 8, 2020 Recreation Commission meeting to discuss a possible merger and will invite the Borough Manager. Discussion of Sports Program Fees will take place during the Jan 22, 2020 meeting.

Audience Participation reopened:

- Craig Geller moved to reopen audience participation. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.
- Michael Scott of MAS Basketball Training Gym approached the podium. He received final approval from Washington Township and the gym is now open. We will notify Lil Hoopsters registrants about the new location, the flier will be updated and posted on Facebook, and the website will be updated. Mike will send Susan Turner the MAS logo for the front of the shirts which will also include Washington Borough Recreation Lil Hoopsters. Dan reviewed the MAS Basketball fees and noted that 20 classes would cost \$400. Lil Hoopsters holds 2 sessions for 10 days, total 20 sessions. Mike Scott agreed to the \$400 fee. Craig Coughlan moved to pay MAS Basketball Training Gym/Michael Scott a \$400 gym use and coaching fee for the Lil Hoopsters Clinic. Seconded by Spencer Nicholson. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.
- Spencer Nicholson moved to close audience participation. Seconded by Craig Geller. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Budget – no budget discussion will be held until the January 22, 2020 meeting. Dan asked all commissioners to review the fee schedule for possible changes.

Reports:

- Recreation Secretary – Susan Turner advised that Deanna Cleary and Robert Irizarry, for whom the commission had submitted a letter of reference to Habitat for Humanity, were approved for a house through Habitat for Humanity. Deanna thanked the commission for the letter.
- Susan reminded Spencer Nicholson his term expires on Dec 31, 2019 and if he wants to be reappointed Susan will ask the Mayor, Dave Higgins, to contact him. Spencer said he wants to be reappointed.

- Susan confirmed with Craig Coughlan he still wants his appointment changed from an alternate to a regular commissioner. She will pass that information to the Mayor, David Higgins. Craig can be reappointed as a regular commissioner at the January 8, 2020 meeting.

Sports Programs

- Easter Egg Hunt — (all commissioners) – No report
- 5k – (commission) – No report.
- Youth Soccer – () – No report.
- Street Hockey – (Spencer Nicholson) – No report.
- Youth Basketball – (Sean Farrington) – No report.
- Lil’ Hoopsters – (Craig Geller) –No report.
- Girls Softball – (Craig Coughlan) – No report
- Karate – (Sean Farrington) – No report.
- Swim Lessons (Dan Almind) – No report.
- Pool – (Craig Coughlan) – No report.
- Tennis Clinic – () – No report.
- Zumba – No report.

Communications:

- No Communications.

Social Media

- No report.

Commission Calendar

- No report

Executive Session (If Necessary)

- No Executive Session.

Recap

- No Recap requested.

Commissioner and Director Comments

- No comments

Adjournment

- Craig Geller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Seconded by Craig Coughlan. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0
Absent: 0. Motion passed. Adjourn **8:24 PM**